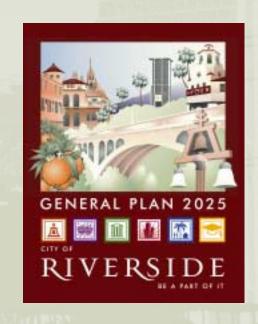


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City Planning Commission March 17, 2005



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Citizens' Advisory Committee

Technical Advisory Committee

Arts and Culture, Education, and Magnolia/Market Subcommittees

Topic Group Participants

California Baptist University

Planning and Building Staff

The Consultant Team

And most especially. . .

THE CITIZENS OF RIVERSIDE

The Growth Challenge

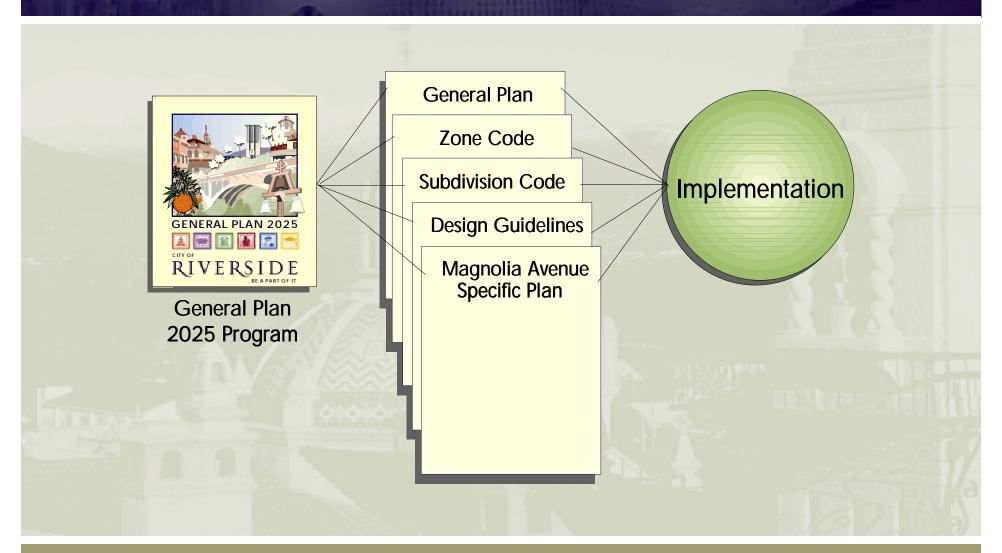
Between 2000 and 2025, both the City of Riverside and Riverside County are expected to grow:

- City of Riverside: 25% Increase
- Riverside County: 62% Increase
- Southern California Region: 34%
 Increase

The Growth Challenge

The Challenge: Retain and enhance Riverside's distinctive qualities while accommodating a share of regional growth

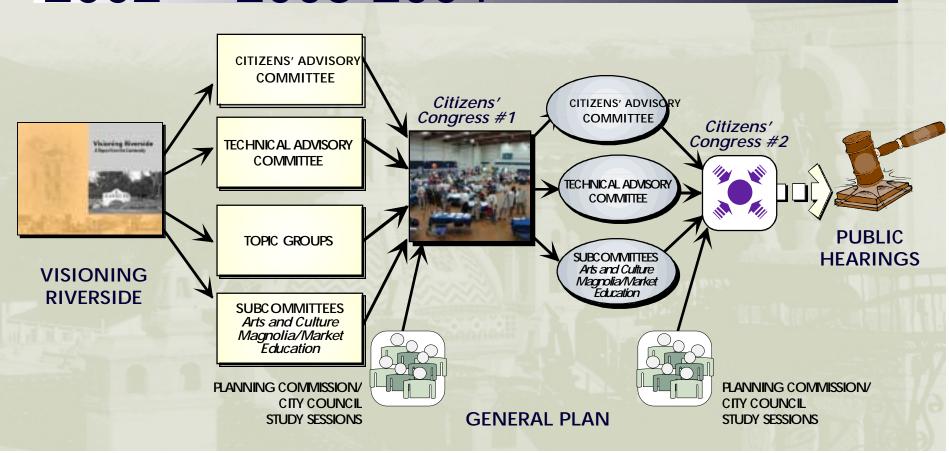
The VISION



Riverside General Plan 2025

General Plan Process How Did We Get Here?

2002 2003-2004



Why Is Riverside Updating its General Plan?

- Ten years since the last General Plan update and that plan had a 20-year horizon
- To guide Riverside's future in a manner that retains and enhances the distinguishing qualities of our City
- To implement the vision we have established for our community
- To define concrete actions we will undertake to realize our vision

TOPIC AREAS General Plan Elements

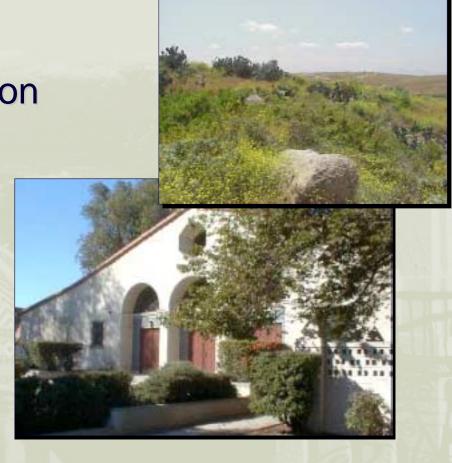
- Land Use/Urban Design
- Circulation/Community Mobility
- Housing
- Arts and Culture
- Education
- Public Safety

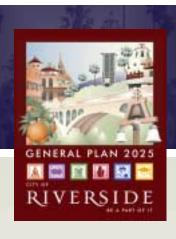


Topic areas

General Plan Elements

- Noise
- Open Space/Conservation
- Air Quality
- Public Facilities and Infrastructure
- Parks and Recreation
- Historic Preservation

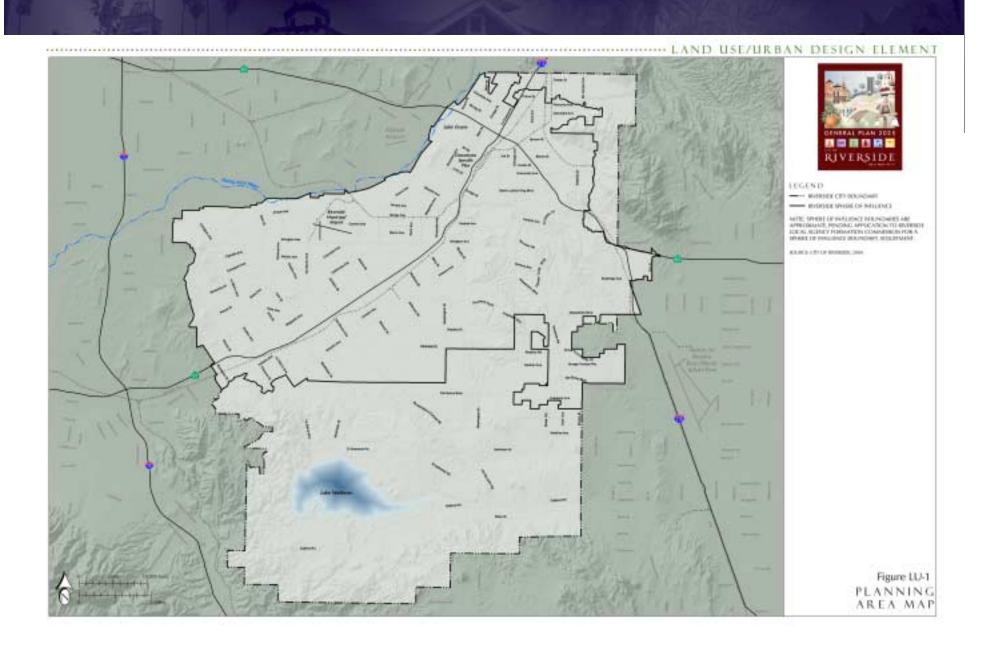




Interrel ationship of ideas

Each element contains extensive cross references to related objectives and policies in the other elements.

- Through maps and text, the Land Use and Urban Design Element defines how Riverside will mature and change over the next 20 years.
- The General Plan covers all of the City and its sphere of influence.



- Enhancement of neighborhoods and their identities form the heart of the General Plan
- Growth directed to already developed portions of City along major transportation corridors
- Policies provide for a wide variety of housing types
- Element celebrates and enhances our urban form



Two levels of policies:

- Citywide
- Neighborhoods

Citywide Policies

- Protect Riverside's natural environment
- Protect wildlife, endangered species and their habitats
- Create distinctive parkways: Magnolia, University, Victoria, Van Buren

Growth will respect and enhance Riverside's natural

and historic resources.

Riverside Park -- completing the ring of open space or "green necklace" of parks and parkways

Santa Ana River is protected and enhanced





Growth will respect and enhance Riverside's natural

and historic resources.

Proposition R and Measure C are reinforced

Grow Smarter: The City will apply "Smart Growth" principles to all new development





Smart Growth Principles

- Mix land uses
- Create compact design that encourages walking
- Preserve open space and critical environmental areas
- Encourage and facilitate infill development
- Provide a variety of transportation options
- Make development decisions fair, predictable and cost effective
- Involve the community in the planning process

Smart Growth Policy LU-8.1

Ensure well-planned infill development citywide; allow for increased density in selected areas along established transportation corridors.

Citywide Policies

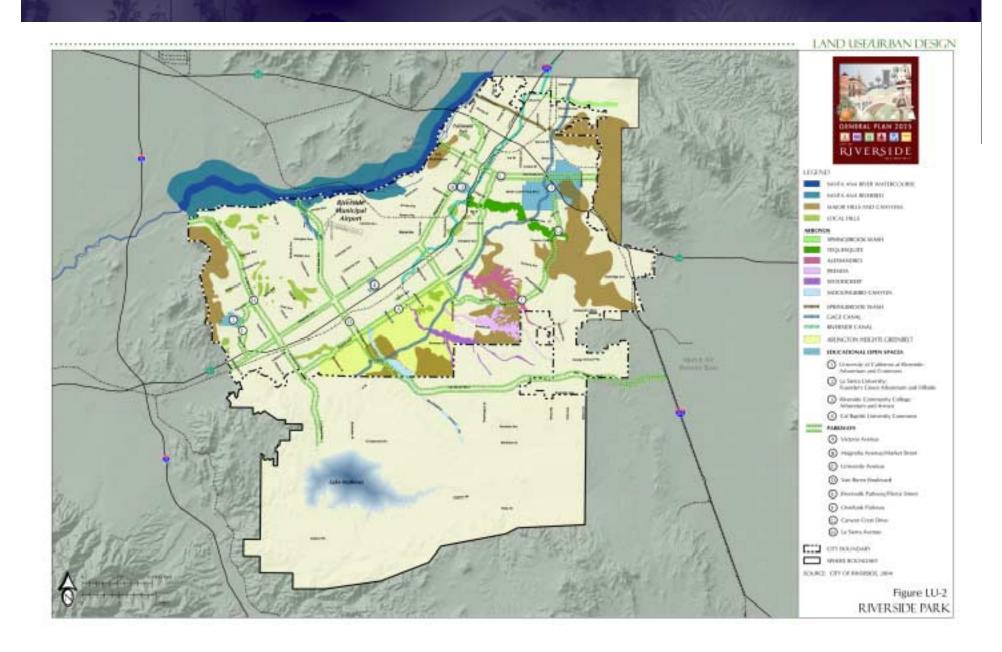
- Preserve industrial land
- Use Community Centers as focal points
- Increase City/County coordination

Urban Design

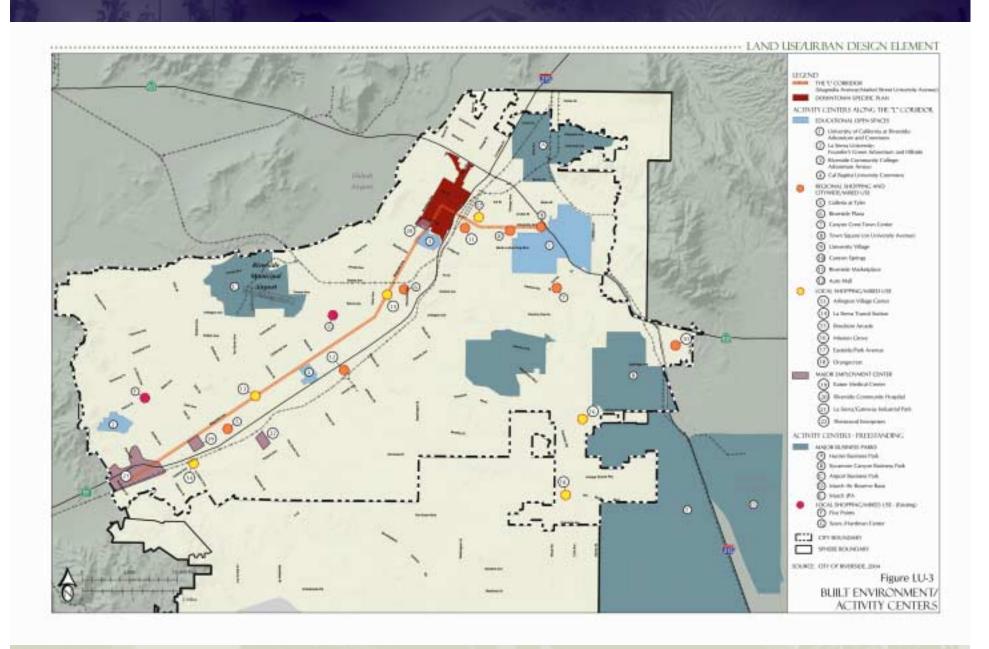
- Urban Design component establishes a framework for planning:
 - Riverside Park
 - Activity Centers and the "L" Corridor
 - Historic Fabric
 - Multi-modal Circulation Connections
 - Redevelopment Areas
 - Community Facilities
 - Neighborhoods and their Connections

Riverside Park is:

- A Citywide Park that contributes to the unique identity of Riverside and each of its neighborhoods
- Comprised primarily of existing natural elements
- Realized because of existing and new connections, including parkways
- Visual, recreational, educational and cultural

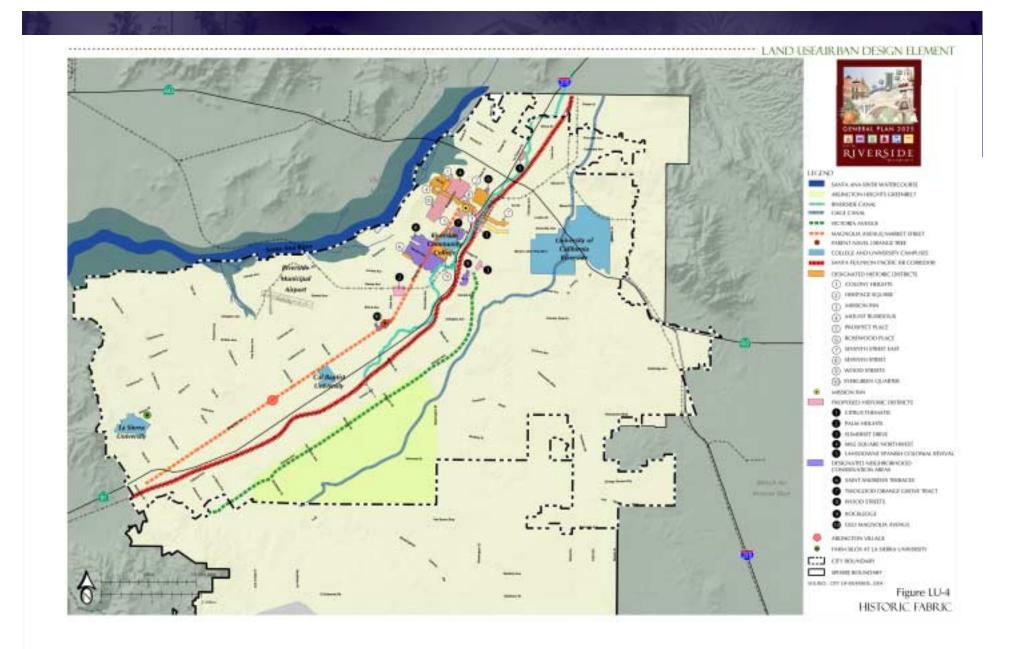


- Riverside's future urban development will take place in Activity Centers and along Corridors.
- Many of these centers are concentrated along the "L" Corridor.



The historic fabric of Riverside is both natural and built. It is recognized in Riverside Park, the "L" Corridor and the Activity Centers.



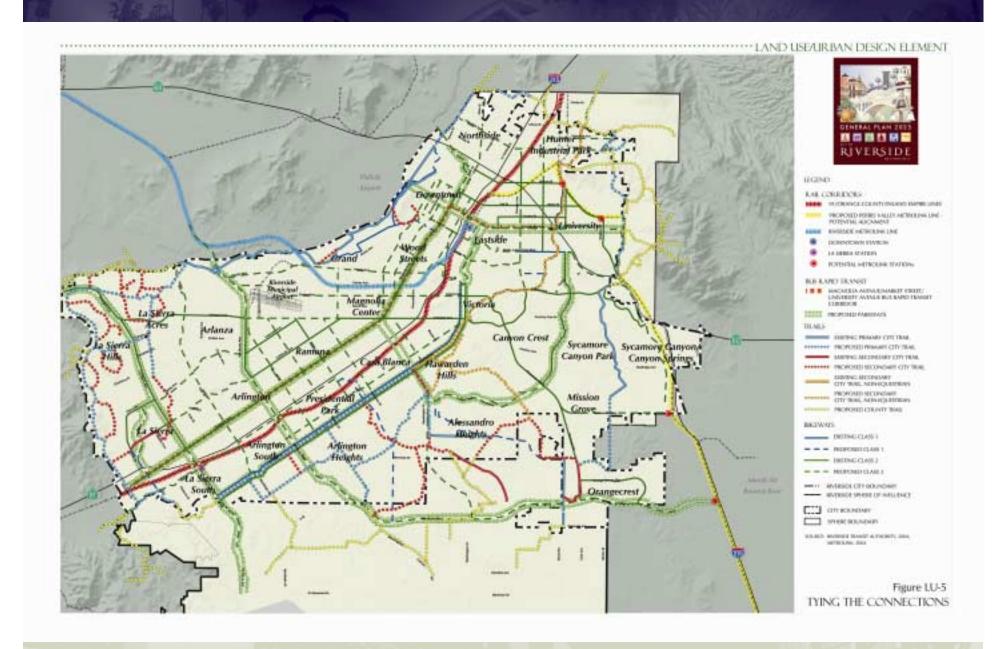


Multiple modes of circulation tie together the elements of Riverside Park and the "L" Corridor, and connect the Activity Centers.

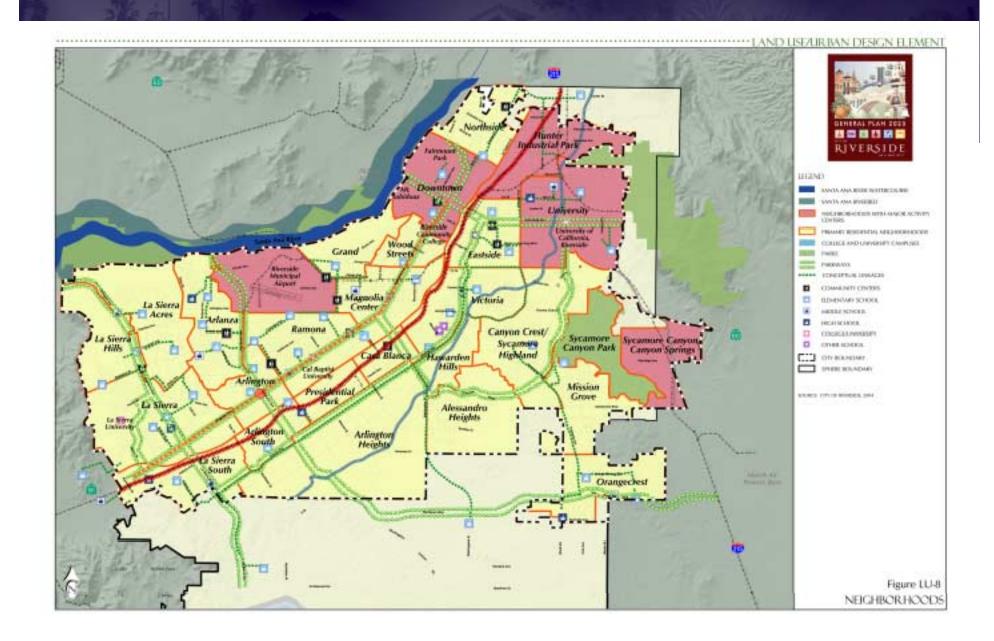
Thus, circulation elements are conceived not only to carry cars, transit, pedestrians or buses, but they also connect and are part of the Riverside environment.

Circulation Corridors are carriers, connectors, places, spaces and edges.





- Riverside's Neighborhoods are key to the City's quality of life and are the key "building blocks" of the urban design structure and land use plan.
- Every Neighborhood is connected to either Riverside Park or the "L" Corridor. Every Neighborhood has a retail and/or educational center and/or park within or next to it.



The Neighborhoods

Airport	Downtown	La Sierra South
Alessandro Heights	Eastside	Magnolia Center
Arlanza	Grand	Mission Grove
Arlington	Hawarden Hills	Northside
Arlington Heights	Hunter Industrial	Orangecrest
Arlington South	Park La Sierra	Presidential Park
Canyon Crest	La Sierra Acres	Ramona
Casa Blanca	La Sierra Hills	Sycamore Cyn. Park

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The Neighborhoods

Sycamore Canyon/	Victoria	
Canyon Springs		
University	Wood Streets	
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Neighborhood plans replace Community Plans (page LU-57):

- Objectives and policies incorporate relevant materials from Community Plans
- Where overlap exists, policies have been applied to all neighborhoods

Implementing land use policy

Land Use Categories - Residential

- Agricultural/Rural Residential
- Hillside Residential
- Semi-Rural Residential
- Very Low Density Residential
- Low Density Residential
- Medium Density Residential
- Medium-High Density Residential
- High Density Residential
- Very High Density Residential (new)

Implementing land use policy

Land Use Categories – Commercial and Industrial

- Commercial
- Commercial Regional Center
- Office
- Business/Office Park
- Industrial

Implementing land use policy

Land Use Categories – Community Amenities and Support

- Public Parks
- Private Recreation
- Open Space/Natural Resources
- Public Facilities and Institutional Uses

New land use categories

3 Different Mixed Use Categories

- Mixed Use Neighborhood
- ❖ Mixed Use Village
- Mixed Use Urban



Mixed UsE - Neighborhood

- Low-intensity, neighborhood-focused commercial uses within established residential areas
- Local services and retail businesses within pedestrian access, including small stand-alone shops or offices and live/work arrangements
- Example areas:
 - University Avenue between the Marketplace and Chicago Avenue
 - Brockton neighborhood between Central and Beatty

Mixed UsE Neighborhood



Mixed UsE - Village

- Urban villages with residential development and an integral office/commercial component, generally 2 to 3 stories
- Example areas:
 - Five Points in La Sierra
 - West of Riverside Plaza, between Central and Merrill
 - Southwest corner of University Ave./Chicago Ave.
 - Northwest corner of Blaine Street and Watkins Drive

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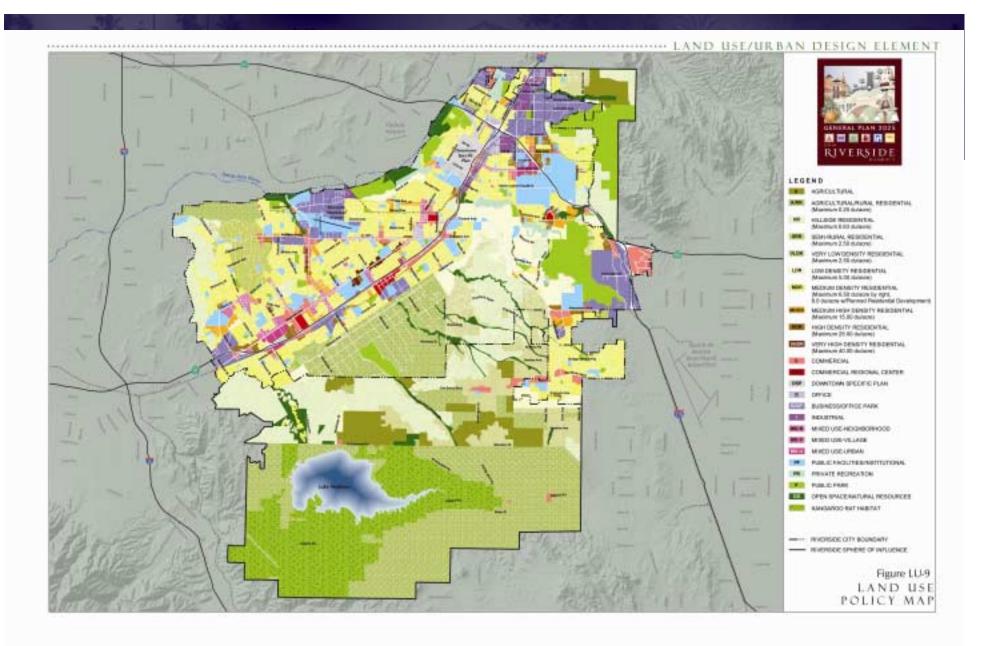


Mixed UsE - Urban

- Employment and entertainment uses are the focus
- Encourages vertical integration of compatible residential and commercial uses, whereby such uses share the same building or lot
- Transit-oriented development
- Example areas:
 - Area along University Avenue near UCR, including the lowa and University Avenues intersection
 - Area adjacent to the Kaiser facility on Magnolia Avenue
 - Metrolink station areas

Mixed UsE Urban

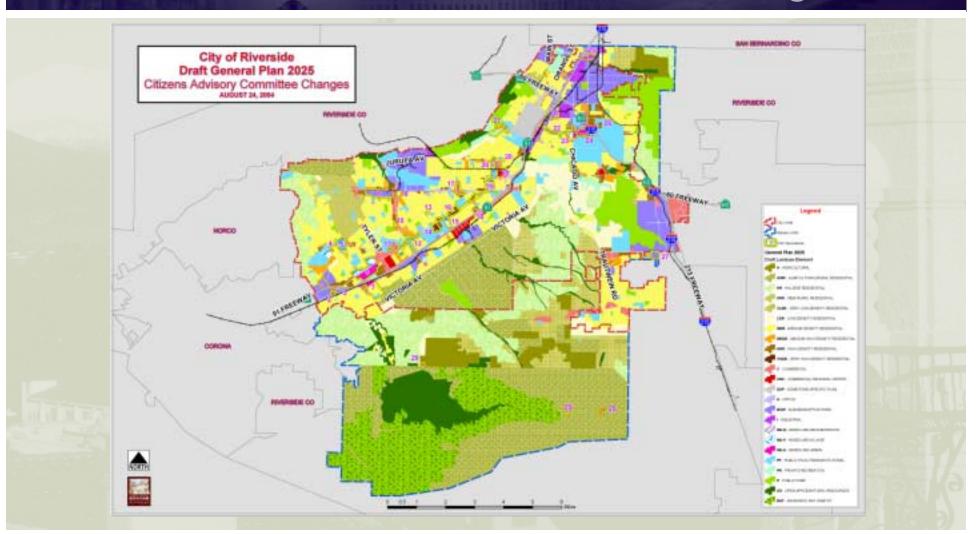




The Citizens' Advisory Committee reviewed 29 sites where change could be anticipated and encouraged over the next 20 years.

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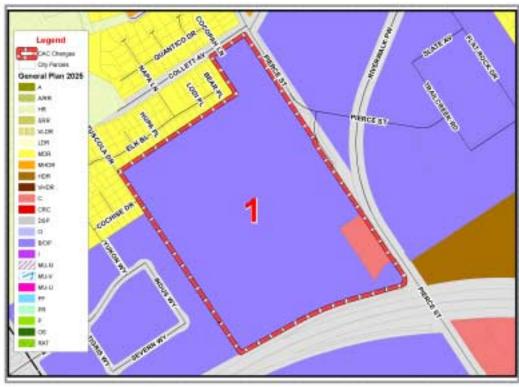


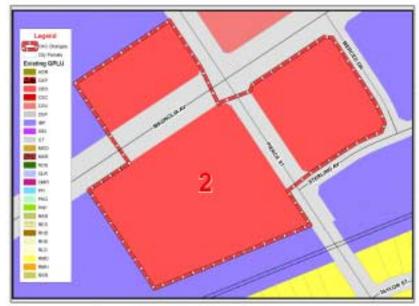




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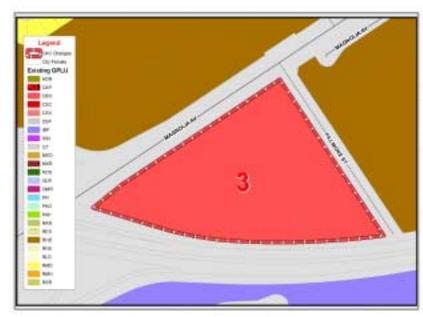




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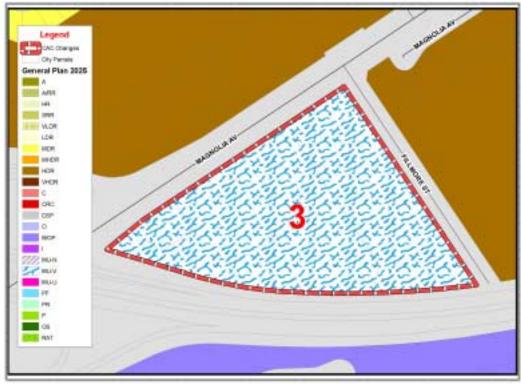
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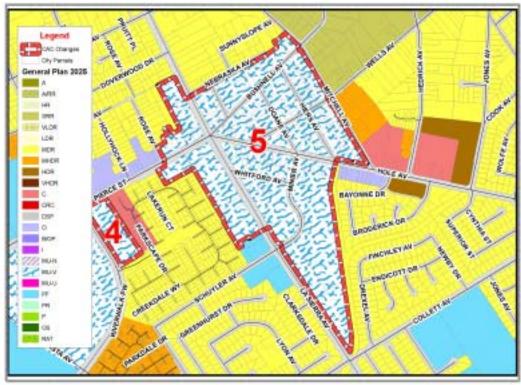
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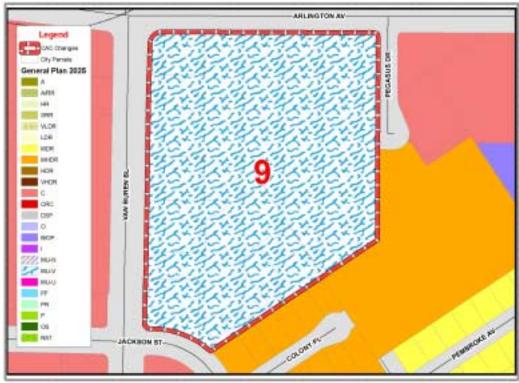
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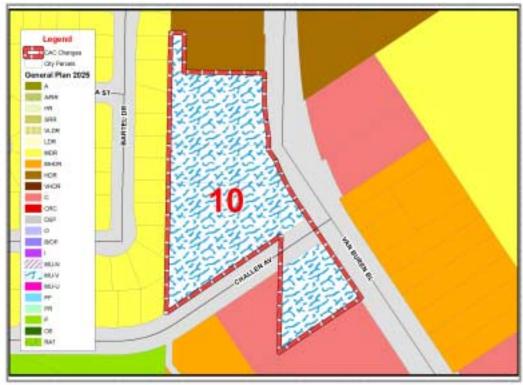
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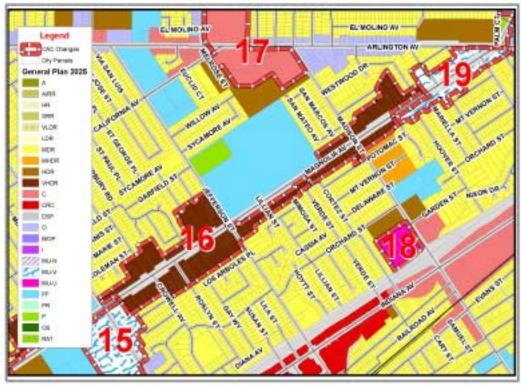
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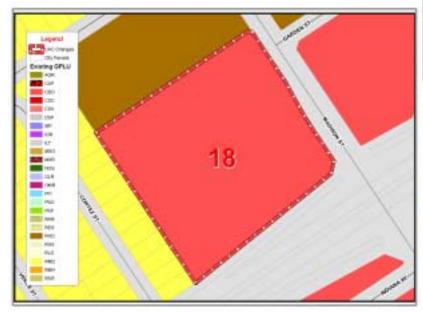




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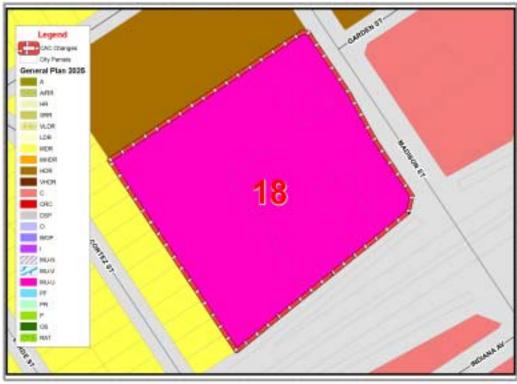
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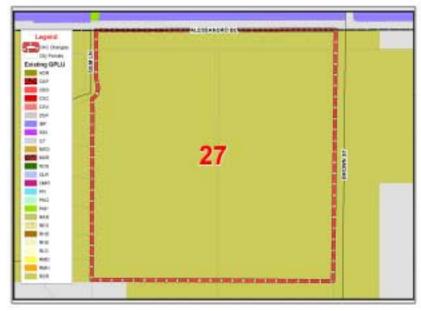




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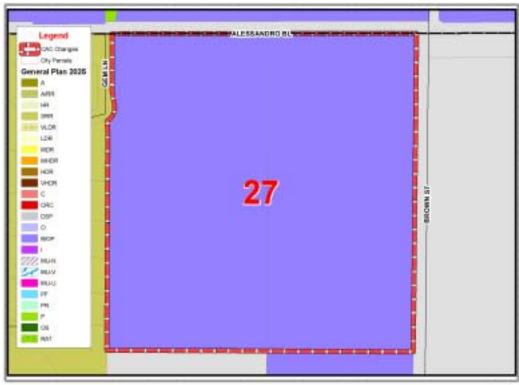
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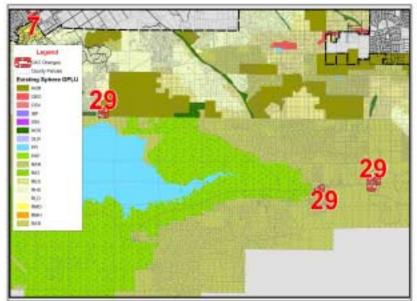




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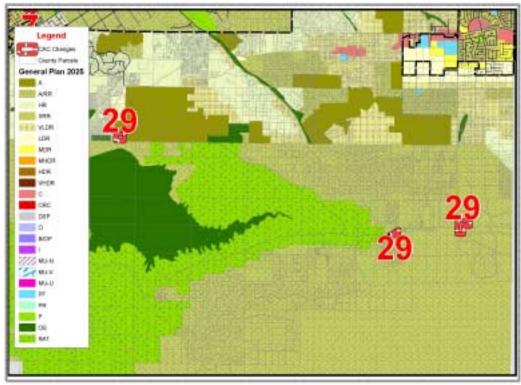
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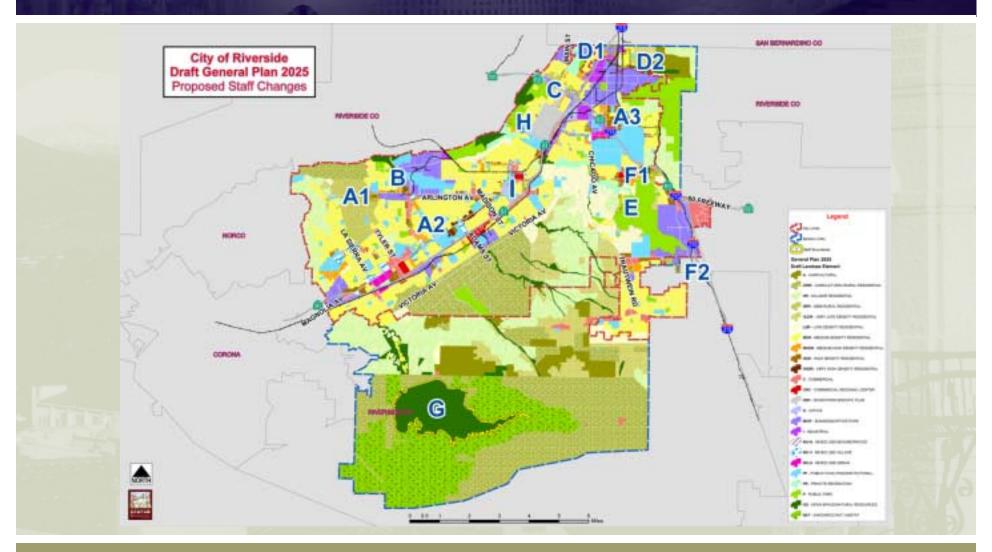


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Areas of change - staff





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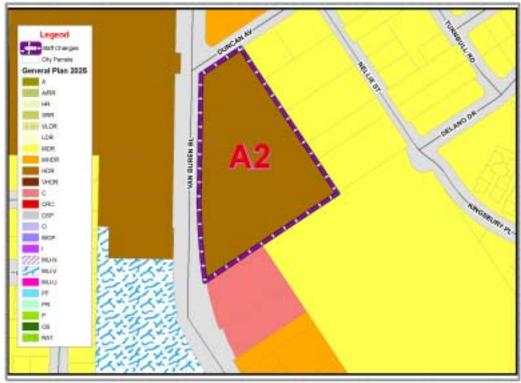
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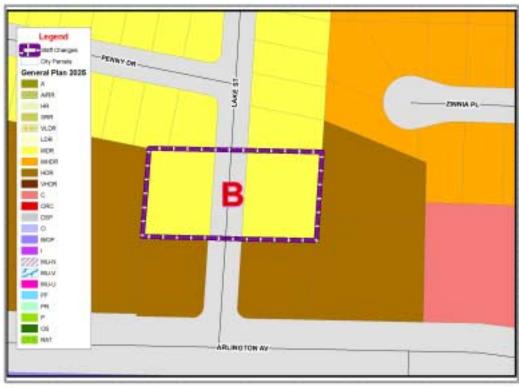
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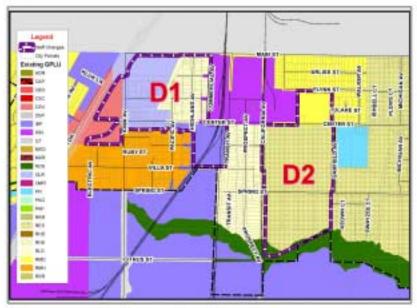




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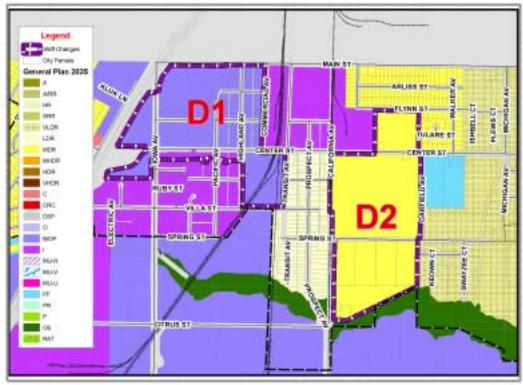
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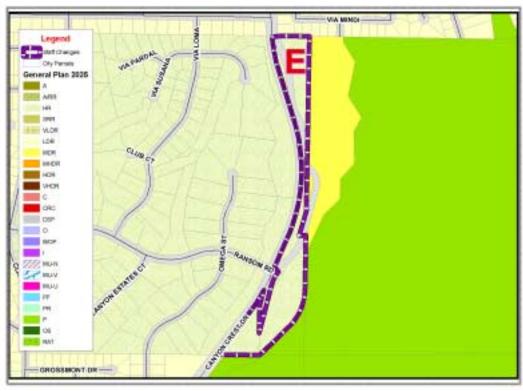
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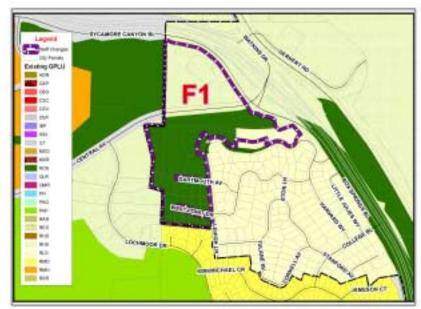




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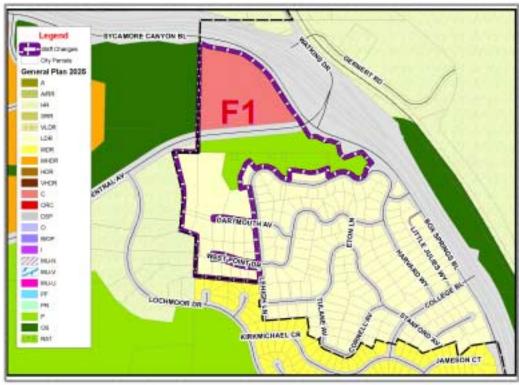
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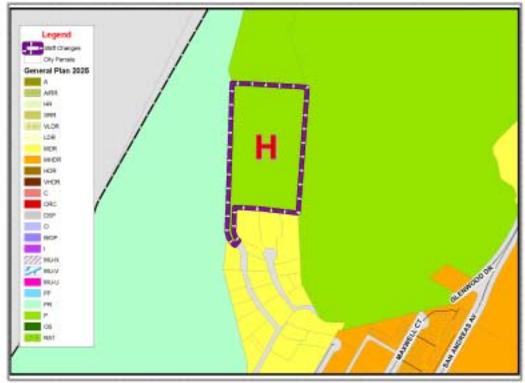
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land use policy implications

What will General Plan policy produce?

2003	2025	Change
274,071 people	389,388 people (City and sphere)	115,317 new people (75,750 in the City)
90,511 homes	128,511 homes (City and sphere)	38,000 new homes (25,000 in the City)

land use policy implications

Important to remember:

The focus of this growth will be in the developed portions of the City, where infrastructure and services already exist.

Addresses all types of mobility:

- Street network
- Public transit
- Bicycling
- Walking

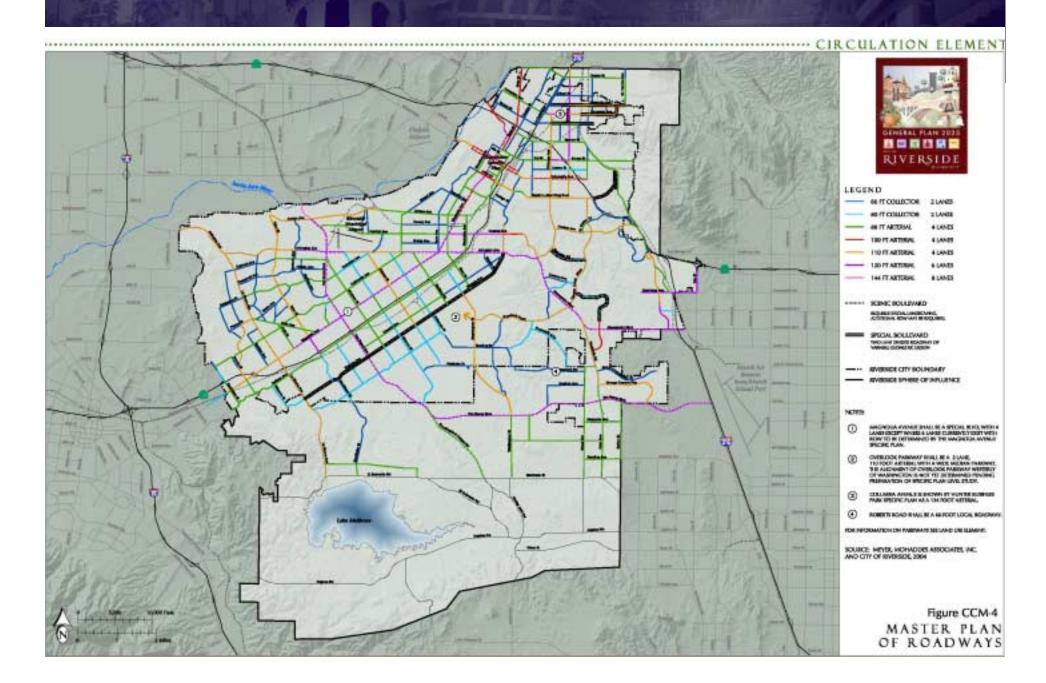


Maintain and build the current Circulation Plan:

- Complete widening of Alessandro/ Arlington to 6-lanes
- Complete Overlook Parkway concurrent with its extension westerly of Washington



PROPOSED MASTER PLAN OF ROADWAYS



Downgrade Magnolia/ Market to 4lane (maintain current ROW)

Support construction of Cajalco Expressway to Orange County

Keep regional traffic on major

- Support alternative modes of transportation:
 - Bike paths
 - Linkages of Riverside Park
 - Bus Rapid Transit

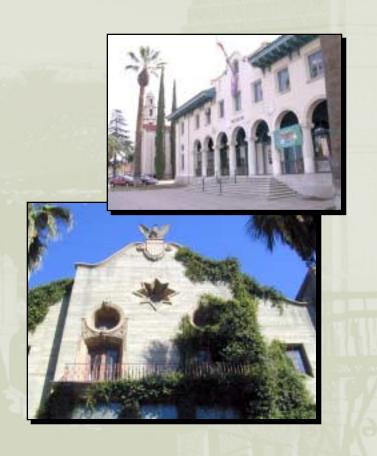
housing element

- Updated every five years to address changing housing needs
- Responds to State law requirement that all jurisdictions identify adequate sites to facilitate and encourage housing for households of all income levels

housing element

- Provides policies to conserve and improve the condition of housing, including existing affordable housing
- Provides policies to promote housing opportunities for all Riversiders

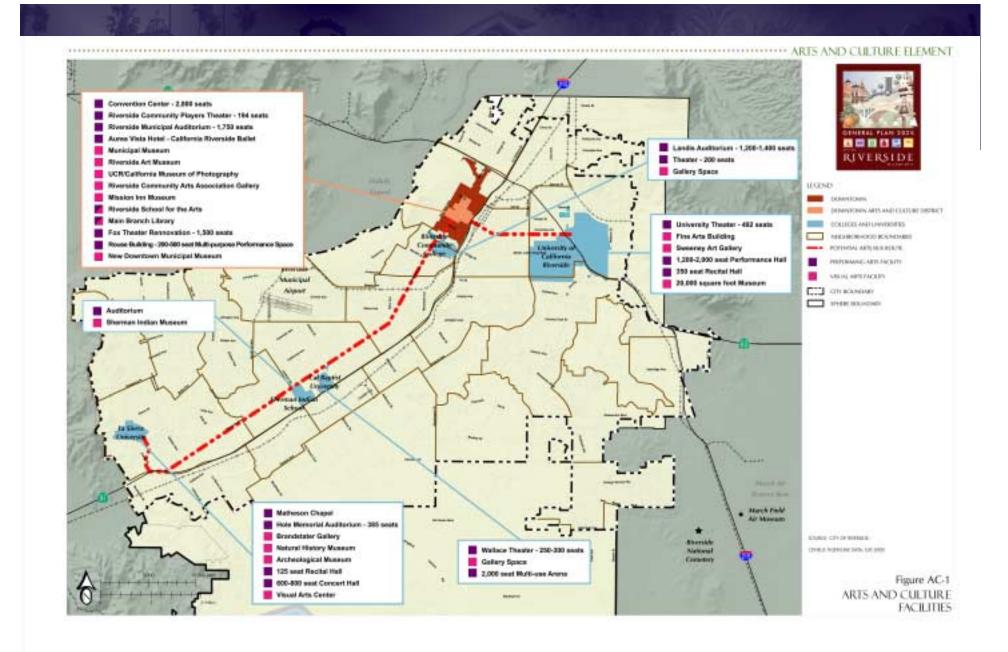
The General Plan Arts and Culture Element was inspired by the success of the Arts and Culture Element in the City's award-winning Downtown Riverside Specific Plan.



The Arts and Culture Element provides concepts and policies to strengthen:

- Riverside's unique role and the artistic and cultural center of the Inland Empire
- Education through recognition of how the arts help learning

- Neighborhood identity and quality of life through neighborhood-oriented programs in schools, parks and community centers
- * Riverside's cultural diversity
- Riverside economy as a city of the arts and learning



Key components of the Arts and Culture network of the City include:

- The Colleges and Universities
- Unique visual and performing arts venues of Downtown located near the Mission Inn

The Arts and Culture Element contains key policy recommendations for the:

- Role of City government and leaders
- Marketing and promotion
- Increased coordination
- Role of the Riverside Cultural Trust in creating the Downtown Arts and Culture District

Education el ement

Recognizes Riverside as a preeminent regional education center and includes

policies that:
Foster greater
coordination among
schools, City and
students

Encourage joint use of facilities



Education el ement

Recognizes Riverside as a preeminent regional education center and includes policies that:

- policies that:
 Expand breadth of
 opportunities, including
 job training
 - Maintain safe school environments and routes to schools



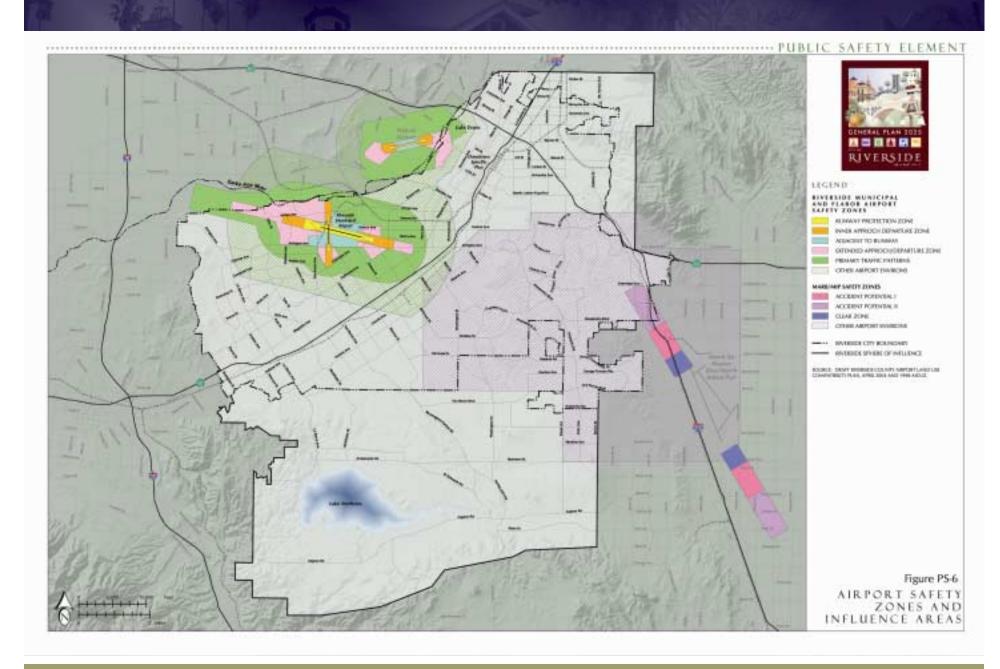
Public Safety element

Educating the public and making requirements of the development community to:

- Minimize potential damage to existing and new structures and loss of life resulting from geologic and seismic hazards
- Reduce potential flood and fire hazards within Riverside

Public Safety element

- Minimize risks associated with the storage, transport, and disposal of hazardous materials
- Practice Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Protect against hazards associated with air and ground transportation



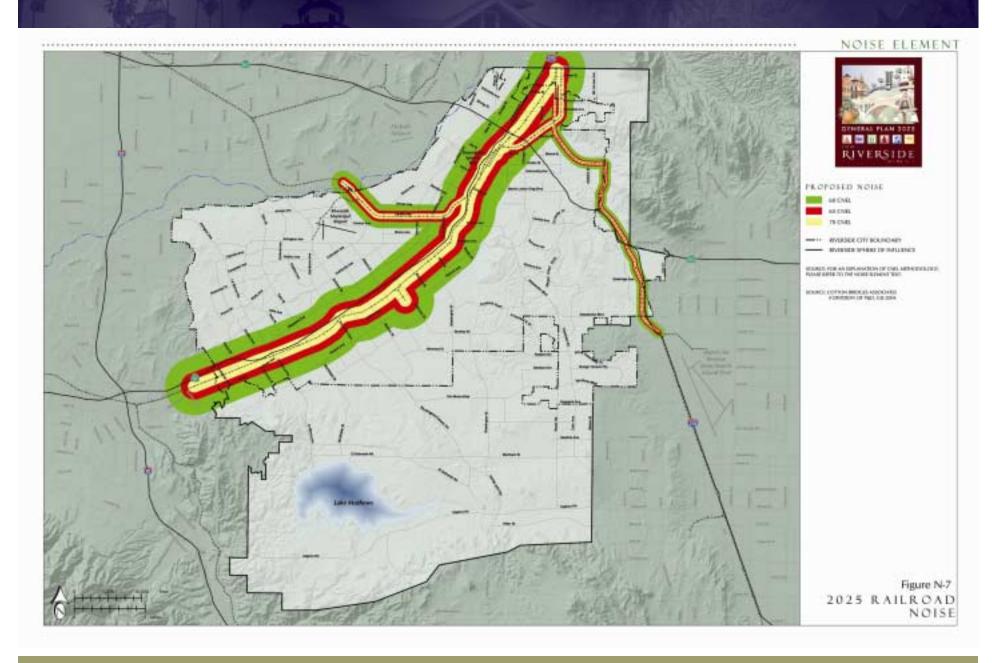
Public Safety element

Overarching goal: Continue to ensure that all Riversiders are provided with high-quality police and emergency response services

Noise el ement

Educate the public and require the development community to:

- Minimize noise levels from point sources throughout Riverside
- Minimize ground transportation-related noise impacts



Noise el ement

- Minimize adverse effects of airport-related noise through proper land use planning
- Ensure the viability of March Air Reserve Base/March Inland Port



Open Space and Conservation element

Working with the County, local organizations, and the development community to:

- Protect and preserve Riverside's open space areas, scenic resources, and hillsides
- Preserve agricultural lands and open space buffers that separate urban and rural uses
- Protect identified biotic communities and

Open Space and Conservation element

- Preserve and maintain wildlife movement corridors
- Encourage efficient use and conservation of energy and water resources through education and City development policies
- Turn the vision created by the Santa Ana River Task Force into a reality



Air quality element

- Air Quality Element is an optional element
- Incorporates relevant features of the SCAQMD model air quality element, tailored to Riverside



Riverside recently received Model Community Achievement Award (2004 Clean Air Awards from SCAQMD)

Air quality element

Objective: Riverside continues to move toward cleaner air.

Air Quality Element lists concrete leadership steps the City will take:



Better land use and transportation planning

Increased education and energy conservation efforts

Incentives to encourage conservation and innovation

Public Facilities and Infrastructure element

Improving public facilities and infrastructure to:

- Continue to provide superior water services
- Find new and expanded uses for recycled wastewater
- Maintain sufficient levels of wastewater services, while working to reduce wastewater volume

Public Facilities and Infrastructure element

- Provide affordable, reliable, and practical environmentally sensitive energy resources
- Ensure easy and expanding access to internet and modern telecommunications services and technology: a business strategy
- Make Riverside the central location for quality and diverse healthcare services in iverside General Plan 2025

Parks and Recreation Element

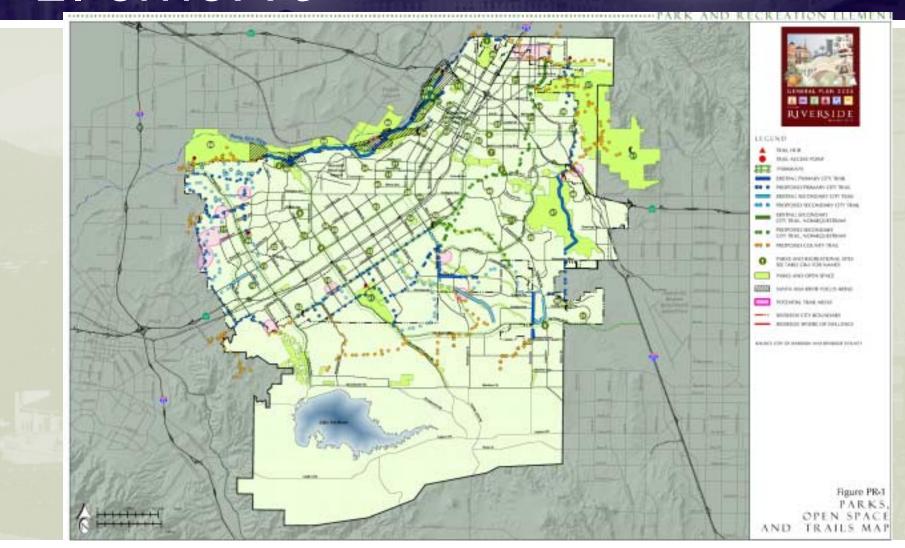
Improving places for all to play:

- Diverse Recreation Opportunities
- Riverside Park: Necklace of Open Space
- Parks
 - **❖**Local
 - ❖ Pocket
 - Neighborhood
 - Community
 - Special Use
 - ❖Regional/Reserve
 - ❖Signature
 - County and Other
 - ❖ Joint Use Facilities
- Builds Upon the Park and Recreation Master Plan

Parks and Recreation Element

- Builds upon the Park and Recreation Master Plan
- Looks to improve places where all Riversiders can enjoy recreation
- Links the Master Plan to Riverside Park and community mobility concepts

Parks and Recreation Element



Historic Preservation element

The previously adopted Historic Preservation Element looks to:

- Use historic preservation principles as an equal component in the planning and development process
- Identify, interpret, designate, and promote Riverside's cultural resources
- Integrate consideration of cultural resources as a major aspect of the City's planning, permitting and development activities
- Pursue funding for historic preservation and encourage public and private stewardship of the City's cultural



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